(b) whether it is also a fact that some papers were circulated during the conference about changes being considered for the labour reforms; and

(c) if answers to part (a) and (b) be in the affirmative what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Yes, Sir. The 40th Indian Labour Conference held on 9-10 December 2005 was addressed by the Prime Minister.

(b) The ILC held deliberations on the items decided upon by the Tripartite constituents in the Standing Labour Committee. These were;

(i) Social security for unorganized sector workers including agriculture sector workers covering their service conditions, social security and other benefits;

(ii) Amendment to the Labour Laws.

(c) Does not arise.

Taking over of E.S.I. Hospital by Goa Government

1737. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Goa has offered to takeover the E.S.I. hospital situated in the Ponda taluka of Goa;

(b) the details of the proposal made by the Goa Government;

(c) whether Government are considering the proposal;

(d) whether there are differences of opinion between the State and Central Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir. There is no ESI Hospital in Ponda taluka, Goa.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.